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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Military Construction Appropriations Conference Report.

Senate passed State Department Authorization.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10063–S10138

Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1475–1479. Pages S10117–18

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1329, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Nye County, Nevada, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 106–133)

S. 1330, to give the city of Mesquite, Nevada, the right to purchase at fair market value certain parcels of public land in the city. (S. Rept. No. 106–134)

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Measures Passed:

State Department Authorization: Senate passed H.R. 2415, to enhance security of United States missions and personnel overseas, and to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2000, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 886, Senate companion measure, as passed the Senate on June 22, 1999. Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Helms, Lugar, Coverdell, Grams, Biden, Sarbanes, and Dodd.

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National Airborne Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 95, designating August 16, 1999, as "National Airborne Day".

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Agriculture Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of S. 1233, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

Harkin Amendment No. 1506 (to Amendment No. 1499), to provide emergency and income loss assistance to agricultural producers. (By 54 yeas to

44 nays (Vote No. 250), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S10100–02

Withdrawn:

Lott (for Cochran) Modified Amendment No. 1500 (to Amendment No. 1499), of a perfecting nature. (By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 249), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

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Pending:

Lott (for Daschle) Amendment No. 1499, to provide emergency and income loss assistance to agricultural producers.

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Lott Amendment No. 1501 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), to restrict the use of certain funds appropriated to the Agricultural Marketing Service.

Ashcroft Amendment No. 1507 (to Amendment No. 1499), to provide stability in the United States agriculture sector and to promote adequate availability of food and medicine for humanitarian assistance abroad by requiring congressional approval before the imposition of any unilateral agricultural or medical sanction against a foreign country or foreign entity. (By 28 yeas to 70 nays (Vote No. 251), Senate failed to table the amendment.)

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A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Amendment No. 1501 (listed above), and the vote on the motion to close further debate thereon, occur at 9:45 a.m.

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Military Construction Appropriations: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2465, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, cleared for the President.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Jack E. Hightower, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2004. (Re-appointment)

Michael A. Sheehan, of New Jersey, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large.

Robert S. Gelbard, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia.

William B. Taylor, Jr., of Virginia, for the Rank of Ambassador during tenure of service as Coordinator of U.S. Assistance for the New Independent States.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael J. Frazier, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Gregory Rohde, of North Dakota, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

David J. Hayes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

Ivan Itkin, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy.

Edward W. Stimpson, of Idaho, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Gail S. Tusan, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Richard K. Eaton, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

Kathryn M. Turman, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office for Victims of Crime.

Routine lists in the Army and Air Force.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—251)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:15 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Wednesday, August 4, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10137.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. FARM ECONOMY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee held hearings on the market and financial performance of the United States agricultural sector, receiving testimony from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; and J. B. Penn, Sparks Companies, Inc., McLean, Virginia.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Charles A. Blanchard, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, and Carol DiBattiste, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Blanchard was introduced by Senator McCain.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1214, to ensure the liberties of the people by promoting federalism, to protect the reserved powers of the States, to impose accountability for Federal preemption of State and local laws, with amendments;

S. 1232, to provide for the correction of retirement coverage errors under chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code;

H.R. 974, to establish a program to afford high school graduates from the District of Columbia the benefits of in State tuition at State colleges and universities outside the District of Columbia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 457 and S. 1334, to amend chapter 63 of title 5, United States Code, to increase the amount of leave time available to a Federal employee in any year in connection with serving as an organ donor; and

The nomination of Earl E. Devaney, of Massachusetts, to be Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE COMPENSATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held hearings on S. 964, to provide for equitable compensation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, receiving testimony from Senators Daschle and Johnson; Terry Virden, Director, Office of Trust Responsibilities, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and Louis Dubray, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Eagle Butte, South Dakota.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 2678–2694; 1 private bill, H.R. 2695; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 171, were introduced. **Pages H6963–64**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H. Res. 273, a resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 2670, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–284);

H.R. 940, to establish the Lackawanna Heritage Valley American Heritage Area, amended (H. Rept. 106–285);

H.R. 2684, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–286);

H.R. 1907, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide enhanced protection for inventors and innovators, protect patent terms, reduce patent litigation, amended (H. Rept. 106–287, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 2670, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–288). **Page H6962**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Donald Carter of Burlington, North Carolina. **Page H6850**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:45 p.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. **Page H6850**

Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs: The House passed H.R. 2606, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, by a ye and nay vote of 385 to 35, Roll No. 362. The House completed general debate on July 29 and considered amendments to the bill on July 29 and August 2. **Pages H6853–56**

Agreed to:

The Tancredo amendment, debated on August 2, that prohibits any funding for the United States Man and the Biosphere Program or the United Nations World Heritage Fund; **Pages H6853–54**

Rejected:

The Paul amendment, debated on August 2, that sought to prohibit funding for population control or population planning programs, family planning activities, or abortion procedures (rejected by a recorded vote of 145 ayes to 272 noes, Roll No. 360); and **Page H6854**

The Paul amendment, debated on August 2, that sought to prohibit any new obligation, guarantee, or

agreement by the Export-Import Bank, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation or the Trade and Development Agency (rejected by a recorded vote of 58 ayes to 360 noes, Roll No. 361). **Pages H6854–55**

H. Res. 263, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on July 29. The unanimous consent order that limited consideration of amendments to the bill was also agreed to on July 29.

Twenty-First Amendment Enforcement Act: The House passed H.R. 2031, to provide for injunctive relief in Federal district court to enforce State laws relating to the interstate transportation of intoxicating liquor by a ye and nay vote of 310 yeas to 112 nays, Roll No. 364. **Pages H6857–87**

Agreed to the Conyers motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an amendment that requires the Attorney General to submit to Congress a study to determine the impact of the Act, not later than 180 days after enactment. Subsequently, agreed to the Judiciary amendment. **Pages H6886–87**

Agreed to order engrossment and third reading of the bill by a ye and nay vote of 325 yeas to 99 nays, Roll No. 363. **Page H6886**

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. **Page H6886**

Agreed to:

The Conyers amendment to the Goodlatte amendment that clarifies that the injunction exemption for interactive services or electronic communications services does not apply when these services engage in activities prohibited under the Act; **Pages H6870–71**

The Barr amendment to the Goodlatte amendment that clarifies language dealing with erecting barriers to competition; and **Pages H6873–74**

The Goodlatte amendment, as amended, that specifies that the provisions only extend the jurisdiction of Federal Courts to enforce state law valid under the 21st Amendment; do not supersede the 1998 Internet Tax Freedom Law; and do not permit injunctions in Federal Court against interactive computer services or electronic communication services. **Pages H6868–74**

Rejected:

The Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment that sought to require a study to determine the impact of the legislation on underage drinking. **Pages H6883–85**

Points of Order Sustained Against:

The Lofgren amendment that sought to include firearms in the provisions of the bill; **Pages H6874–75**

The Lofgren amendment that sought to specify that the act shall take immediate effect with regard

to any violation of a state law regulating the importation or transportation of any intoxicating liquor which results from any violation of a state's firearms laws; and

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The Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment that sought to require that a carrier obtain a signature for deliveries to residences when containers of alcohol are transported in interstate commerce.

Pages H6881–83

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 272, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by voice vote.

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Extension of Emigration Waiver Authority: The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 58, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam, by a ye and nay vote of 130 yeas to 297 nays, Roll No. 365.

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The joint resolution was considered pursuant to the order of the House of July 30.

District of Columbia Appropriations Act: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2587, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Istook, Cunningham, Tiahrt, Aderholt, Emerson, Sununu, Young of Florida, Moran of Virginia, Dixon, Mollohan, and Obey.

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Workplace Preservation Act: The House passed H.R. 987, to require the Secretary of Labor to wait for completion of a National Academy of Sciences study before promulgating a standard or guideline on ergonomics, by a ye and nay vote of 217 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 366.

Pages H6909–27

H. Res. 271, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

Pages H6901–09

Order of Business: It was made in order that at any time on August 4, 1999 or any day thereafter, to take from the Speaker's table H.R. 1664, with Senate amendments thereto, and to consider in the House a single motion offered by the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendments; that the amendments and motion be considered as read; debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the motion to final adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question.

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Suspension—Use of Capitol Grounds: The House agreed to suspend the rule and pass H. Con. Res. 167, authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to permit temporary construction and other work on the

Capitol Grounds that may be necessary for construction of a building on Constitution Avenue Northwest, between 2nd Street Northwest and Louisiana Avenue Northwest.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1907, amended, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide enhanced protection for inventors and innovators, protect patent terms, reduce patent litigation. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, August 4.

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Intent to Offer Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Toomey informed the House of his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the Senate amendments to the bill H.R. 1905 to insist upon (1) the House provisions for the funding of the House of Representatives under title I of the bill; (2) the Senate amendment for the funding of the Senate under title I of the bill, including funding provided under the heading "JOINT ITEMS—ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL—Capitol Buildings and Grounds—senate office buildings"; (3) the House provisions for the funding of Joint Items under title I of the bill, other than the funding provided under the heading "JOINT ITEMS—ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL—Capitol Buildings and Grounds—senate office buildings"; and (4) the House version of title II of the bill.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on page H6856.

Referrals: S. 335 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform.

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6965–66.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6854, H6855, H6856, H6886, H6887, H6900, and H6927. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL RISK PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported, amended, H.R. 2559, Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 1999.

PUBLIC HEALTH FOOD QUALITY PROTECTION ACT—IMPLEMENTATION EFFECTS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry held a hearing to review the effects of the implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act on public health. Testimony was heard from Representative

Towns; Richard Rominger, Deputy Secretary, USDA; Peter Robertson, Acting Deputy Administrator, EPA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—INTERNET BANKING

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on Federal Oversight of Internet Banking. Testimony was heard from Richard J. Hillman, Associate Director, Financial Institutions and Markets Issues, General Government Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Drug Abuse Prevention: Protecting Our Students. Testimony was heard from Barry McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; William Modzeleski, Director, Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

VACCINES

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on Vaccines: Finding the Balance Between Public Safety and Personal Choice. Testimony was heard from David Satcher, M.D., Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

U.S. TRADE WITH ASIA

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on U.S. Trade with Asia: Preparations for the APEC Summit. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Richard Boucher, Coordinator, APEC, Department of State; Ambassador Richard W. Fisher, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

NIGERIA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Nigeria: On the Democratic Path? Testimony was heard from Howard Jerter, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1875, amended, Interstate Class Action Jurisdiction Act of 1990; H.J. Res. 54, granting the consent of Congress to the Missouri-Nebraska Boundary Compact; and H.J. Res 62, to grant the consent of Congress to the boundary change between Georgia and South Carolina.

CONTRACT SUPPORT COSTS

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on Contract Support Costs within the Indian Health Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (Part II). Testimony was heard from Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Richard G. Sullivan, Senior Negotiator, Division of Cost Allocation; and Michael

H. Trujillo, Director, Indian Health Service; and Jim Wells, Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—MINING

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mining Resources held an oversight hearing on Mining Regulatory Issues and Improving the General Mining Laws. Testimony was heard from John D. Leshy, Solicitor, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following: S. 416, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the city of Sisters, Oregon, a certain parcel of land for use in connection with a sewage treatment facility; H.R. 1749, to designate Wilson Creek in Avery and Caldwell Counties, North Carolina, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and H.R. 2632, Dugger Mountain Wilderness Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives Walden of Oregon; Ballenger and Riley; Jack Craven, Director of Lands, Forest Service, USDA; and Steven Wilson, Mayor, Sisters, Oregon.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND THE JUDICIARY, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2670, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 2000. The rule waives clause 4 of rule XIII (requiring a 3 day layover of the committee report and the three-day availability of printed hearings on a general appropriations bill) and section 306 (prohibiting consideration of legislation within the Budget Committee's jurisdiction, unless reported by the Budget Committee) of the Congressional Budget Act against consideration of the bill. The rule waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions of transfers of funds in an appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill.

The rule makes in order the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report which may be offered only by a Member designated in the report and only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled between the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report.

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the

bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule waives all points of order against all amendments to the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(e) of rule XXI (prohibiting non-emergency designated amendments to be offered to an appropriations bill containing an emergency designation). Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rogers, Tiahrt, Deal of Georgia, Quinn, Bass, Serrano, Pallone, Lewis of Georgia, Roemer and Kucinich.

PLANT GENOME SCIENCE

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on Plant Genome Science: From the Lab to the Field to the Market. Testimony was heard from Mary E. Clutter, Assistant Director, Biological Sciences, NSF; Eileen Kennedy, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, USDA; and public witnesses.

PILOT FATIGUE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Pilot Fatigue. Testimony was heard from Margaret Gilligan, Deputy Associate Administrator, Regulation and Certification, FAA, Department of Transportation; Vernon S. Ellingstad, Director, Office of Research and Engineering, National Transportation Safety Board; Michael B. Mann, Deputy Associate Administrator, Aero-Space Technology, NASA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation approved for full Committee action the following: 1 lease resolution; 1 repair and alteration resolution; and H. Con. Res. 167, authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to permit temporary construction and other work on the Capitol Grounds that may be necessary for construction of a building on Constitution Avenue Northwest, between 2nd Street Northwest and Louisiana Avenue Northwest.

Joint Meetings

BUDGET RECONCILIATION ACT

Conferees on Monday, August 2, met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2488, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income tax rates, to provide marriage penalty relief, to reduce taxes on savings and investments, to provide estate and gift tax relief, to provide incentives for education savings and health care, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

NEW PRIVATE LAWS

S. 361, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest. Signed August 2, 1999. (P.L. 106-1)

S. 449, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land comprising the Steffens family property. Signed August 2, 1999. (P.L. 106-2)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to continue hearings on farm crisis issues, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine fraud against seniors, 2:15 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold oversight hearings to review the performance management process under the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act, by the National Park Service, 2:15 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to resume markup of S. 1090, to reauthorize and amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on S. 693, to assist in the enhancement of the security of Taiwan, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings on economic reform and trade opportunities in Vietnam, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings on overlap and duplication in the Federal Food Safety System, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings on S. 299, to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health; and S. 406, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to make permanent the demonstration program that allows for direct billing of medicare, medicaid, and other third party payors, and to expand the eligibility under such program to other tribes and tribal organizations; followed by a business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings on the nomination of David W. Ogden, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General; and the nomination of Robert Raben, of Florida, to be an Assistant Attorney General, 8:30 a.m., SD-628.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 1172, to provide a patent term restoration review procedure for certain drug products, focusing on proposed remedies for relief, relating to pipeline drugs, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings on annual refugee consultation, 2 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to hold hearings on certain proposed committee resolutions requesting funds for operating expenses, 9:15 a.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on legislation to Improve the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, focusing on several brownfields-related provisions contained in the following bills: H.R. 1300, Recycle America's Land Act of 1999; H.R. 1750, Community Revitalization and Brownfield Cleanup Act of 1999; and H.R. 2580, Land Recycling Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and the Environment, hearing on Medicare+Choice: An Evaluation of the Program, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on reauthorization of the Office of Government Ethics, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing on What is HUD's Role in Litigation Against Gun Manufacturers? 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Postal Service, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2319, to make the American Battle Monuments Commission and the World War II Memorial Advisory Board eligible to use nonprofit standard mail rates of postage; H.R. 642, to redesignate the Federal building located at 701 South Santa Fe Avenue in Compton, California, and known as the Compton Main Post Office, as the "Mervyn Malcolm Dymally Post Office Building"; H.R. 643, to redesignate the Federal building located at 10301 South Compton Avenue, in Los Angeles, California, and known as the Watts Finance Office, as the "Augustus F. Hawkins Post Office Building"; H.R. 1666, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 200 East Pinckney Street in Madison, Florida, as the "Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr. Post Office"; H.R. 2307, to designate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 5 Cedar Street in Hoskinton, Massachusetts, as the "Thomas J. Brown Postal Office Building"; and H.R. 2357, to designate the United States Post Office located at 3675 Warrensville Center Road in Shaker Heights, Ohio, as the "Louise Stokes Post Office"; followed by a hearing on Deceptive Sweepstakes Mailings, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on The Balkans: What Are U.S. Interests and the Goals of U.S. Engagement? 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, to mark up H.R. 1356, Freedom From Sexual Trafficking Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, oversight hearing on Hate Crimes Violence, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up H.R. 2436, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to consider a subpoena duces tecum directed to the Department of

Justice regarding criminal aliens released by the Immigration and Naturalization who commit additional crimes in the United States after they are released, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to consider the following: S. 416, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the city of Sisters, Oregon, a certain parcel of land for use in connection with a sewage treatment facility; H.R. 795, Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation Indian Reserved Water Rights Settlement Act of 1999; H.R. 970, Perkins County Rural Water System Act of 1999; H.R. 1231, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest lands to Elko County, Nevada, for continued use as a cemetery; H.R. 1444, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to develop and implement projects for fish screens, fish passage devices, and other similar measures to mitigate adverse impacts associated with irrigation system water diversions by local governmental entities in the States of Oregon, Washington, Montana, and Idaho; H.R. 1619, Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Reauthorization Act of 1999; and H.R. 2435, to expand the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Wills House; and a motion to adopt a resolution and report recommending that David Plouffe, the Executive Director of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee be held in contempt of Congress for failure to comply with the subpoena served on him on July 13, 1999, and reporting the matter to the full House for appropriate action, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: a measure making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000; and the conference report to accompany H.R. 2488, Financial Freedom Act of 1999, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, hearing on K-12 Math and Science Education-Testing and Licensing Teachers, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform, joint hearing on Computer Security Impact of Y2K: Expanding Risks of Fraud, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing to investigate the effects of federal procurement policy on small business competitiveness, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

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